

Law Day, U.S.A., as a symbol of our dedication to the rule of government under law.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

**William J. Clinton**

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### **Proclamation 6680—Loyalty Day, 1994**

*April 30, 1994*

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### **A Proclamation**

Each year, at the height of spring's renewal, Americans take the time to reaffirm our allegiance to our country and to the ideals upon which it was founded. On this "Loyalty Day," we pledge to defend the blessings of American democracy.

Ours is still a relatively young Nation, but even in our brief history, we have seen many other forms of government come and go. We have witnessed the collapse of dictatorial regimes, while our brand of democracy has continued to evolve and flourish. Rather than establishing government control through the deprivation of basic human rights, our founders realized that individual freedom and the right to self-determination are the most powerful sources of national strength. This philosophy forms the bedrock upon which our Nation is built, and we continue to expand and enforce its wise mandate to this very day.

Generations of Americans have demonstrated their loyalty and devotion to this country, many risking their lives for the sake of defending the common good. To ensure that this loyalty and love of country remain a vibrant part of each new generation, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved July 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 369; 36 U.S.C. 162), has

designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day."

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1, 1994, as Loyalty Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including public recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. I also call upon government officials to display the flag on all government buildings and grounds on this day.

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### **Proclamation 6681—Small Business Week, 1994**

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#### **A Proclamation**

Small businesses create many new jobs in the United States and are an important part of our Nation's international competitiveness. Today, America's 20 million small businesses remain at the heart of our economy. These companies are the engines of growth, and it is in small business that people continue to find opportunity, pride, and dignity.

Indeed, small business is the lifeblood of America's free enterprise system. This is the sector that creates two of every three new jobs in our country, putting the American Dream within reach of hundreds of thousands of men and women who provide the variety and ingenuity that are our greatest natural resources. Small businesses employ more than 57 percent of the private U.S. work force, account for 54 percent of all

sales, and generate half of the domestic private sector output.

As we move forward in a spirit of renewal and change, there is one constant that must prevail in the economy of the United States. Small business must continue to provide the solid foundation upon which this Nation builds its economic strength and maintains its character. Government, working hand in hand with entrepreneurs, must recognize these contributions and help small business create jobs and increase incomes.

We must support and honor small business for the contributions this sector makes to the economy. And just as important, we should remember that it is in small business that the United States finds energy, faith, and confidence in our system of democracy and free enterprise. Only by fully developing our technological and human resources can we expect to be leaders in the global marketplace.

**Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through May 7, 1994, as the 31st "Small Business Week," and I call on every American to join me in this tribute.

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**Statement on the Agreement To  
Withdraw Russian Military Forces  
From Latvia**  
*April 30, 1994*

I applaud today's agreement signed by Latvian President Guntis Ulmanis and Russian President Boris Yeltsin that will lead to the withdrawal of Russian military forces

from the territory of the Republic of Latvia by August 31, 1994. I have contacted both leaders to offer my personal congratulations for their vision and statesmanship in concluding this historic accord.

Since the early days of my administration, among my highest foreign policy priorities has been promoting agreement on an orderly withdrawal of Russian forces from the Baltic countries. I discussed this frequently with President Yeltsin and President Ulmanis. The United States has played an active role with both parties during the course of the Latvian-Russian negotiations. I believe that our engagement with both sides, along with the support provided by other countries, in particular Sweden, has played a constructive role in bringing this agreement to a successful conclusion.

Over the course of their negotiations, both the Latvian and Russian Governments displayed a pragmatic approach to resolving their differences. The understandings that this document embodies, including the continued operation of the radar installation at Skrunda as a civilian facility, are testimony to the determination of both sides to conclude an agreement that responds to Russian concerns while affirming Latvia's full and unrestricted sovereignty and promoting its integration into the world community.

The agreement between Latvia and Russia now opens the door to a more normal relationship between the two countries. It constitutes an important contribution to overall stability in the Baltic region and to European security as a whole. I hope that this agreement also will help stimulate a speedy conclusion of the troop withdrawal negotiations between Estonia and Russia.

**Remarks to Americans With  
Disabilities**  
*May 2, 1994*

Well, thank you, Stephanie and Denise, and thank you all for being here. I want to thank ADAPT; the National Council for Independent Living; the Consortium of Citizens With Disabilities; recognize my good friend Tony Coelho; Marca Bristo, the Chair of the National Council on Disabilities, pend-